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We have been waiting around for a big "snow" to see if the "electrified" sidewalk in front of the recently remodeled Farmers National Bank would work. We got the snow—and "it worked." Ah yes, maybe some of these days, we can stop spending so much money on wars and rumors of wars (now 45 billion or more a year) and spend part of it on improvement of the way of life over our own nation. I am sure that for what we spend, out of hard-earned taxpayers cash in one year, every sidewalk in the Old Dominion could be electrically heated!

A friend of mine was out hunting squirrels, and saw a "hoot owl" perched aloft in a tree. One shot did the job, and he brought the critter in to show to me. Goodness, what next!

What could be worse department—I was out, long, long before day-light, the morning after our "big snow." I cleared the walkway out front, and finally got as far as the parked car. Fetched a broom and cleaned that off, and was all set to open the door and start the motor and put the defroster to work. My hands were cold, and I had to go back and get a pail of hot water to loosen the car door handles or the knobs, or whatever you call them. And I made it all, but next in line was to get the car keys to start the motor. Now, I am prejudiced against key rings. Don't want any part of one. Carry my keys "loose" in my pocket. And pulling them out one by one, looking for right one, I heard a "splash" and found that I had dropped the last key to stop in seven inches of snow. And so, cold hands and all, I got on my knees and began searching for the lost key. Could not find it. All of this at 4:30 A. M. Oh well, yesterday evening, the snow had melted enough, and I found my office key in front of my sidewalk. And so to how I contrived to get into my shop without a key the morning it was lost in the snow, that's nobody's business!

RISE SEEN IN DEMAND FOR HOME ECONOMISTS

Jobs for some 10,000 home economists in business, extension work and social welfare will become available over the next few years, according to Changing Times, the Kiplinger Magazine.

Reporting on a study by the American Home Economics Association, an article in the current issue of the magazine notes that demand is strong not only because of the expanding use of home economists but also because turnover is very high. "That's not because of dissatisfaction with the work, it's because home economists practice what they preach," according to the editors of the magazine. "They enjoy advising families on how to run their affairs and they enjoy using that advice themselves in managing their own families."

Changing Times Points out that despite an expand use of home economists in other areas, the heartiest demand for workers will continue in secondary education, where as many as 5,000 home economics teachers must be recruited annually as replacements, not counting those who must be found to staff expanded departments required by rapidly increasing enrollments.

"The need is especially strong at both ends of the ladder—, the article concludes, "at the top where there is a serious shortage of home economists to fill supervisory positions, and at the bottom where the supply of beginners is too thin".

Fashion leader favors the lengthened hemline.

Russians reacted favorably to Kennedy interview.

Goldberg assails critics of welfare programs.

U. N. aide urges limited Katanga truce.

Eichmann appeal filed after on-spot translation.

Ranson's Observe Anniversary

CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ranson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 23. Open house was held from 2 to 5 P. M. at their home.

The house was attractively decorated using their Wedding picture on a background of white decorated with gold ribbon and holly, as a center of interest. The gift tables were designed to represent large packages. The Christmas theme was carried out using a beautiful gold Christmas tree illuminated by spot lights.

Mr. and Mrs. Ranson were married on Saturday, December 23, 1911, in this county and have resided here since. They have six children: Mr. S. E. Ranson, Mrs. K. C. Paulette, Mrs. Claiborne Inge, all of Appomattox, and Mr. B. C. Ranson, Mrs. Roy E. Gowin of Lynchburg, Mr. W. B. Ranson of Richmond, and 9 grandchildren, all of whom were present.

The table was artistically decorated with a three tiered cake, candles, and an arrangement of yellow gladioluses and chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Kate Dinkins, sister of Mr. Ranson, presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Mary Dickerson, sister of Mrs. Ranson, served the cake.

More than 100 of their friends called, including friends from Woodbridge, Norfolk, Salem, Lynchburg, Farmville, Richmond, Falls Church, Bristol, Virginia and Shawnee, Kansas.

Their grand-daughter, Miss Gloria Ranson, whose marriage to Mr. Walter Day was performed at Rocks Baptist Church by Dr. Carl A. Collins at one o'clock, shared this reception with her grandparents.

Pat Thomas At Meeting

Pat Thomas, State Vice-president, Virginia Association, Future Homemakers of America, leaves today for the second executive council meeting held at Roanoke Hotel, Roanoke, Va. Mrs. Madeline Thomas, Pat's advisor, will accompany her. While there, Pat will preside at the Friday morning session.

Other duties include giving complete reports on state committee work, and her state project, "Problems of Youth Marriages." In working on her state project Pat has worked in the local and federation areas. Questionnaires on the "Youth Marriages" have been sent to the Campbell - Appomattox Future Homemakers of America Federation. Mrs. Thomas and Pat will return Saturday evening, Jan. 6.

DEATH

Friends here were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. J. C. Eddins, who passed away at his home in Crewe yesterday morning. Funeral services will be conducted at the Jennings Funeral Home in Crewe, Friday at 2:30 P. M., with interment in the Crewe Cemetery.

We extend sincere sympathy to the family. Mr. Eddins will be remembered here for his long association with the garment industry.

India and Portugal disputed enclaves since 1947.

Africans aid Asians at U. N. press free Algeria.

U. S. backs plan to increase world monetary fund.

Farm Bureau opposes curbs on turkey market.

Classes Listed For Pamplin

Two evening courses have been planned for the Pamplin Area Farmers for this winter. The first will be a farm machinery repair class to be operated in the basement shop of the Pamplin Elementary School. This class will begin on Monday night, January 8, at 6:30, and will operate each Monday night thereafter. Mr. J. Everett Tibbs be lay instructor for this class. Enrollment fee will be $1.50 ped member, payable the first night of attendance. Farmers interested in learning to weld, other shop skills and in repairing their farm machinery are invited to enroll.

The second course is tentatively planned to begin on Thursday night February 1, 1962., in the seventh grade class room of the Pamplin School. This will be a series of ten meetings devoted to presentation and discussion of some of the latest information on a variety of agricultural subjects.

These courses and topics were planned by a combination Ruritan Club - Vocational Agriculture Advisory Committee. Members of the committee are: Luther Nash, Robert McClenny, R. E. Fore, Everett Tibbs of Edward Harvey, Cecil Logon, Bennie Massey, Thomas Jamerson and W. Lewis Motley.

CIRCLE MEETING

The Applewhite Circle of the W. M. U. of Liberty Baptist Church will meet on Monday night, January 8, with Mrs. H. G. Johnson. The meeting will be at 7:30.

U. S. seeks to ease Japanese textile dispute.

Government forecasts car output surge in 1962.

Industrial production set record in November.

Greece's King pledges loyalty to NATO.

Death Record Here In 1961 One of Worst

The year 1961 was a bad year on the highways of Appomattox. A total of eleven persons died in road accidents.

The record for the past decade follows, as to highway deaths:

1952— 2
1953— 1
1954— 1
1955— 6
1956 —3
1957— 4
1958— 4
1959— 4
1960— 1
1961— 11.

Thus in the past ten years, there were 37 highway fatalities in Appomattox County, for an average of 3.7 per year. However, in 1961 the county had its worst record, with eleven fatalities.

These figures should serve as a challenge to the people, holding a driver's permit. The challenge is to drive with caution at all times and save lives: including your own.

The Times-Virginian is grateful to the State Police for furnishing us with the above statistics. The State Police has a Division Headquarters here. The officials and the Troopers patrol a multi-county area with efficiency. They do a fine service. But they are dependent upon the individual driver for prevention of accidents. Give them your co-operation.

Woman's Club Meeting Date

The Appomattox Woman's Club will meet at 3:15 on Monday, January 8, at the Appomattox High School. An interesting program is being planned and all members are urged to be present.

Hostesses for the meeting are Mrs. J. B. Terry, Mrs. J. W. Flood, Mrs. C. D. Hill and Mrs. W. E. Ferrell.

WINS D. A. R. AWARD

Jean Brown a member of the Senior class of Appomattox High School, has been selected by her classmates and the faculty for the D. A. R. Award. Jean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berkely Brown, Route 2, Appomattox, Virginia.

The D. A. R. Award is a good citizenship award given by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Appomattox chapter will present Jean with the Good Citizen pin and the National Society will present her with a certificate of award. The girl selected as State Good Citizen for 1962 will receive a $100 United States Savings Bond from the National Society. The qualities on which Jean was chosen are dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

As one looks at her record, he understands why Jean has been chosen the Good Citizen of the Senior class of Appomattox High School. She is in the upper third of her class is active in many extra curricular activities, such as the F. H. A., the Annual Staff, and the Beta Club. She was secretary of the local F. H. A. in her Junior year and this year she is Federation Secretary. She is also reporter of her class. In past years she has been a member of the Glee Club and 4-H Club.

In the Summer of 1961, Jean attended Girls State as a Representative of Appomattox High School.

Jean is a member of Hollywood Baptist Church where she is making use of her talents to promote the well-being of others.

In her home, Jean does the sewing for the family, as well as caring for her younger sister and helping with the preparation of the meals.

All in all, one can see that Jean is a well-rounded, useful citizen. Surely it is not amazing that one so happy, so helpful, and yet so modest, should be chosen the Good Citizen of her class.

Eichman sentence is endorsed in Germany.

Satellite yields new clues to Van Allen belt.

Local Community Cannery Had A Successful Year In 1961

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET

The January meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held Monday night at 7:30 at the Post Home. All members are urged to be present.

Rainfall Was Up In 1961

Appomattox County had a "wet" year in 1961.

The total precipitation varied, naturally in different parts of the county, due to local showers and storms. But a cross section report indicated an average rainfall of 50.39 inches. This is well over the normal average.

Figures from near Appomattox on Route 1, showed for the first six months the following totals:

January— 2.06
February— 6.61
March— 3.50
April —4.75
May— 3.62
June— 5.06

The above six-month varied a bit from figures taken elsewhere in the county, due to local differences in spot rains. But the point averaged up to about 25 inches of precipitation during this period as a county average.

From a spotting point just west of the town of Appomattox, totally for the second months ran as follows:

July— 2.62
August— 6.78
September— 3.26
October— 5.20
November— 1.96
December — 5.00.

This total was 24.79 inches of percipiation.

It would be considered to add up to an average of about 50 inches of rainfall, with variations of up to 2 inches as to different parts of the county, due to "scattered showers." These figures include the several snowfalls.

VETERAN'S OFFICER GETS AWARD

Carlton H. Bragg, officer in charge of the Veterans Administration Office here since 1945, has been awarded a Commendation Certificate by the manager of the VA Regional Office in Roanoke. The presentation was made at the VA Office in the Post Office Building, Friday, by C. W. Nixon, assistant manager of the Roanoke Regional Office.

Bragg entered the VA service in August 1944 and has been with the local office since February 1945. In awarding the commendation, Regional Office Manager William J. Fowers cited the more than 21 years combined Federal service which Bragg has given and stated that his performance and devotion to duty in service to veterans have contributed much to the successful administration of the V A. Bragg has indicated his intention to retire from Federal service.

Appomattox Elementary School — Cafeteria Menu for January 8 - 12:

Monday, January 8:
Corn beef hash on toasted bun, Candied sweet potatoes, Green peas, Sheet cake with chocolate sauce, ½ pint milk

Tuesday January 9:
Chili-con-carne Kale greens, Boiled potatoes, Hot corn bread with butter, Purple plums or apple sauce, ½ pint milk

Wednesday, January 10:
Chicken noodle soup with crackers ½ peanut butter sandwich, Carrot strips, Potato chips, Cream, 1-2 pint milk.

Thursday, January 11:
Hot dog on roll with dressing, Cole slaw, Black eye peas, Fruit jello, ½ pint milk

Friday, January 12:
Meat loaf, Hot buttered beets String beans, Hot yeast bread with butter, Peaches, ½ pint milk

U. S. farm output fell 2 per cent this year.

The Appomattox community canneries have closed for the winter season. The canneries, one at Appomattox, and one at Pamplin, operate annually from July 1 until the end of December. Due to weather conditions on gardens and fruit crops, the volume of canning was down considerably in 1961 from the previous year. Appomattox Cannery put up 39,860 cans in 1961 as compared with 55,050 in 1960, Pamplin put up 15,155 in 1961 as compared with 23,669 last year.

Mrs. Emma Lemon reported that 465 different individuals canned at the Appomattox Cannery in 1961. Mrs. A. R. Southall reported that 175 people used the Pamplin Cannery in 1961. These figures compared with 539 for Appomattox, and 253 for Pamplin in 1960.

In addition to the cans put up, 3386 lbs. of meat was ground and prepared, and 7736 pounds of lard was rendered in the Appomattox Cannery. Pamplin patrons prepared 1579 pounds of meat and 5219 pounds of lard.

Day to day operations at the canneries was supervised as follows: at Appomattox by Mrs. Emma Lemon, Mr. R. O. Beale, with the aid of Mr. Judson McDaniel; and at Pamplin by Mrs. A. R. Southall with the aid of Mr. Howard Flood. Overall supervision of the canneries was by the Department of Vocational Agriculture, Appomattox High School, and the Home Economics Department there. Personnell of these departments include: Mr. H. B. Pack, W. L. Motley, R.N. Ashworth, Mrs. Madaline Thomas, and Mrs. Lucy Green. The canneries are operated by the county school board as part of its educational programs. Overall supervisor is Mr. J. A. Burks, superintendent of Schools.

Young Farmers Elect Harvey

Albert Harvey, of Evergreen, is the new president of the Appomattox Young Farmers Club. The club held its installation services for the new officers at a dinner meeting in the Parkway Restaurant during December. Mr. W. G. Dudley, area supervisor of vocational agriculture, gave a talk on young farmer work, and issued an installation challenge to the newly elected officers. Officers installed for 1962 were: Albert Harvey, president; Richard Krantz, Speed Spring, vice-president; Bill Williamson, Route 4, secretary; Calvin Harris, Route 2, Gladstone, treasurer, and Rodger Franklin, Route 2, reporter.

Seven members of the association were awarded Certificates of Achievement for their completion of a beginning course in welding which the club had sponsored in the fall. Members receiving certificates were: Bill Williamson, Calvin Harris, Floyd Moore, Rodger Franklin, Joe Gain, Richard Krantz and Albert Harvey. W. Lewis Motley, club advisor, presented the certificates.

First meeting for 1962 is planned for Tuesday night, January 16, at 7:30 P. M. in the Vocational Agriculture Building of the Appomattox High School. Tentative topic is: Income Taxes for Farmers.

LOCAL BANK ANNOUNCES CANDLE CONTEST WINNERS

On December 15th, a large candle was lighted in the lobby of the Bank of Appomattox for Christmas Club Members to guess the number of hours it would burn continously. The candle burned for 327 hours and twenty minutes. Mrs. Irene G. Kanipe won first place prize; her guess being 336 hours. Mr. Edwin Carter won second prize; his guess being 312 hours. Mr. A. F. Martin won third place prize; his guess being 350 hours.

New model car output heading for record.

Kennedy modifies 1949 view on China's fall.

Britain's gold and currency reserves set new high.